How to Use This Cost Guide

Structure

Nine chapters follow the Preface:

Chapter 1 provides an overview including definitions.
Chapter 2 covers urban land valuation.
Chapter 3 outlines the valuation procedures for improvements in general.
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Chapters 7 to 9 outline the valuation of specific types of commercial improvements.

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